

# 2017 NYS Envirothon Oral Presentation Problem

Agricultural Soil and Water  
Conservation Stewardship Plan  
for the McGregor Farm Trust

The Oral Presentation should be prepared **before** the competition, NOT the morning of. There will be no time for students to prepare at the event.

# Oral Presentation Rules

- Each team will have **10 minutes** for their presentation before the Envirothon Judges and then the Judges will have **5 minutes** to ask the students questions. Presentations must be at least eight minutes but no longer than ten minutes.
- Teams should include both pros and cons in their presentation.
- **All five members must participate.** Each must have a speaking part. The alternate will not be allowed to participate.
- Students will be allowed to prepare visual aids, using the following materials:
  - ✓ 2 sheets of white poster board (22"x 28")
  - ✓ 1 small box of markers (8 colors)
  - ✓ 1 package assorted (5 colors) of construction paper (9"x12") (2 sheets each color)
  - ✓ 1 bottle of glue (about 3 oz.)
  - ✓ 1 pair of scissors
  - ✓ 2 pencils #2
  - ✓ 1 roll of Scotch tape

# Oral Presentation Rules

- Students may be as creative as they want but must not use any materials not listed. Visual aids will be inspected prior to the presentations. Use of anything not on the list (staples, ball-point pen, etc) will disqualify the visual aids and teams will not be allowed to use them.
- Each member of the group is allowed to use one prepared note card (4"x6"only) to aid them in their presentation. Note cards are not to be used as visual aids.
- There is to be **no direct contact with the judges during the presentation**. No brochures, handouts, pamphlets, etc. will be allowed to be distributed.

# Oral Presentation Resources

NYS Envirothon is looking for volunteers for this year's competition, can we count on you to volunteer?

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## Current Issue Oral Presentation Problem

**The 2017 Oral Presentation Problem: Agricultural Soil and Water**



Conservation Stewardship, please find the resources your team will need below:

1. [Oral Presentation Problem Statement \(pdf\)](#)
2. [Soil Resource Report for Claire County, New York — McGregor Family Farm \(pdf\)](#)
3. [Oral Presentation Rules \(pdf\)](#)
4. [Current Issue Study Guide and other helpful resources](#)

*If you have problems downloading any pages please contact [Blanche@NYSenvirothon.net](mailto:Blanche@NYSenvirothon.net)*

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# Oral Presentation Resources

**2017 New York State Envirothon  
Oral Presentation Judge's Score Sheet**

Team Number \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Judge's initials \_\_\_\_\_

0 Not at all  
 2 Poor or poorly  
 4 Fair or slightly well  
 6 Good or fairly well  
 8 Excellent or very well  
 10 Outstanding  
(Each aspect is worth 10 points for a total of 200 points)

**A. The Presentation: (Maximum 120 points) Circle Score**

1. Demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of what a Conservation Stewardship Plan is. 0 2 4 6 8 10
2. Explained an evaluation of the farms current soil health. 0 2 4 6 8 10
3. Explained how the data for the evaluation is pertinent to the plan. 0 2 4 6 8 10
4. Discussed the steps necessary to improve the soil quality. 0 2 4 6 8 10
5. Made recommendations for implementing agricultural best management practices. 0 2 4 6 8 10
6. Explained the cost and benefit for each BMP practice identified. 0 2 4 6 8 10
7. Discussed the impact of stormwater from adjacent properties. 0 2 4 6 8 10
8. Described the impact from municipal stormwater and suggest a solution to the problem. 0 2 4 6 8 10
9. Explained the use and management of the property within the dashed line, and how it will impact the Northern Harrier and its habitat. 0 2 4 6 8 10
10. Showed how the program will monitor its progress and production. 0 2 4 6 8 10
11. Outline how the County will maintain or improve the economic condition of the farm. 0 2 4 6 8 10
12. Presented a summary statement for the Plan and why it should be implemented. 0 2 4 6 8 10

Total Section A

**B. Quality of Presentation (Maximum Score 60) Circle Score**

13. Presentation was well organized with a clear introduction and strong conclusion. 0 2 4 6 8 10
14. Presentation showed creative ideas, clearly stated and supported. 0 2 4 6 8 10
15. Participants enhanced the presentation (eye contact, gestures, voice inflection, exhibited professionalism, etc.) 0 2 4 6 8 10
16. References and resources were stated to support the presentation. 0 2 4 6 8 10
17. Visual aids made major points and showed conclusions. They were correct, eye appealing, readable and neat. 0 2 4 6 8 10
18. The judges questions were answered logically and concisely by all team members. 0 2 4 6 8 10

Total Section B

**C. Required Elements (Maximum Score 20) Circle Score**

19. Each team member gets 2 points for equal oral participation in presentation. 0 2 4 6 8 10
20. Effective use of time was shown. Give 10 points (8-10 minutes); 6 points (7-8 minutes); 2 points (under 7 or over 10 minutes). (Time is called at 10 minutes) 0 2 4 6 8 10  
(Scale for Scoring: 0-2 POOR 4-6 AVERAGE 8-10 EXCELLENT)

Total Section C

Final Score out of 200

# Presentation Pointers

- Speak Clearly
- Rehearse
- Know your subject matter
- Simplify
- Reiterate
- Use clear, neat, and concise visual aids
- Each team member should speak (~3 minutes/student x 5 students = 15 minutes)
- Practice!
- Anticipate questions
- Each student should be prepared to answer a question



Questions???

Concerns???

